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Dated the 22nd April, 1996

TO
The Secretary
Forest Department
Government of Orissa
Bhubaneswar.

Subject: Diversion of 21.58 ha. of forest land for Besundhara East
Opencast Project in Sundergarh district of Orissa;

SIR,

I am directed to refer to your letter No.10P (Cons)62/92/21366/
F&S dated 3.9.1992 and No.10P (Cons)23/96/7320/F&E dated 28.3.1996 on the
above mentioned subject seeking prior approval of the Central Government
in accordance with Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980
and to say that the proposal has been examined by this Advisory Committee
constituted by the Central Government under Section-3 of the aforesaid
Act.

2. After careful consideration of the proposal of the State
Government and on the basis of the recommendation of the above mentioned
Advisory Committee, the Central Government hereby conveys its approval
under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion
of 21.58 ha. of forest land for Besundhara East Opencast Project in
Sundergarh district for a period of 10 years subject to the following
conditions:-

- 1) Legal status of the forest land will remain unchanged.
- 11) Compensatory afforestation to be raised over equivalent
non-forest land which will be notified as protected forest
under Indign Forest Act.
- 111) Implementation of Reclamation plan at the cost of user agency.
- 1V) The protection and regeneration of safety zone area and
afforestation over one and a half time of the safety zone
in degraded forest will be done at the cost of user agency.
- v) Implementation of Rehabilitation plan at the cost of user
agency.

- 1) Implementation of environmental safeguards stipulated by Environment wing of this Ministry in its letter No. J.11015/31/93-IA.II(M) dated 30th January, 1995.
- 2) The forest land should not be used for any purpose other than specified in the proposal.

Yours faithfully,

(I N D E R D H A M I J A)
Sr. Asstt. Inspector General of Forests

Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Government of Orissa,
Bhubaneswar.

Nodal Officer, Office of PCCF, Govt. of Orissa, Bhubaneswar.

The CCF (Central) Regional Office, Bhubaneswar.

The AIG RO (HQ) New Delhi.

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Conservator of Forests, MCL, Orissa

(I N D E R D H A M I J A)
Sr. Asstt. Inspector General of Forests

OFFICE OF THE DIVISIONAL FOREST OFFICER, SUNDARGARH DIVISION.

Memo No. 2992 /4F(Misc.) Dated. 4.6.97

To

The Chief General Manager,
Mahanadi Coalfields Ltd.,
Basundhara Area,
At/P.O.- Balinga,
Dist. Sundargarh.

Sub:- Diversion of 21.58 Ha of forest land for
Basundhara (East) Opencast Project in
Sundargarh District.

Dear Sir,

1). Whereas, the Government of India, Ministry of Environment and Forests, have conveyed their approval under Section 2 of F.C. Act, 1980 for diversion of 21.58 Ha of forest land for Basundhara (East) O.C.P. Coal Mines vide their letter No.2-211/92 FC dated 22.4.96 subject to fulfilment of the following conditions :-

- i) Legal status of the forest land will remain unchanged
- ii) Compensatory afforestation to be raised over equivalent non-forest land which will be notified as protected forest under Indian Forest Act.
- iii) Implementation of Reclamation Plan at the cost of user agency.
- iv) The protection and regeneration of safety zone area and afforestation over one and a half time of the safety zone in degraded forest will be done at the cost of user agency.
- v) Implementation of Rehabilitation Plan at the cost of user agency.
- vi) Implementation of environmental safeguards stipulated by Environment Wing of this Ministry in its letter No.J.11015/31/93-IA.II(M) dated 30th January, 1995.
- vii) The forest land should not be used for any purpose other than specified in the proposal.

2). Whereas, the Project Authority has deposited the estimated compensatory afforestation cost and the cost for protection and ~~regeneration~~ ^{regeneration} of the safety zone area and ^{the cost of affn. over one & half times the safety zone area in degraded forest} amounting to Rs.27,07,344/- vide Banker's Cheque No.582380 dated 21.12.95 deposited vide Challan No.3 dated 30.12.95. The fact of deposit of the amount and the original challan has been sent to Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Orissa, Bhubaneswar vide this office Memo No.595 dated 30.01.96.

3). Whereas, the non-forest land ~~over~~ ^{of} 21.58 Ha. in village Tentulijharia identified for compensatory afforestation in lieu of diversion of forest land for Basundhara (East) OCP has been taken over advance possession from Revenue Department and subsequently mutated in favour of Forest Department by the Tehsildar, Sundargarh on 24.02.96.

*Project office -
Bhubaneswar
Planning section
(Plan)*

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4). Whereas the non-forest land mutated in favour of Forest Department have been proposed to be notified as Protected Forests u/s 33 of Orissa Forest Act, 1972 and the proposals have been sent to Conservator of Forests, Sambalpur Circle vide this office Memo No. 2983 dt. 3.6.97.

5). Whereas, in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 173 of the O.F.D. Code, 1979, the tree growth standing on the forest land has been delivered to O.F.D.C. Ltd. for clear felling and removing the same.

6). Whereas, the Chief General Manager, Basundhara Area, MCL has given an undertaking to implement the reclamation plan in future at their cost.

7). Whereas the Chief General Manager, Basundhara Area, MCL has informed vide their letter No. MCL/CGM/BA/97/73 Camp-Sng. dated 4.6.97 that the rehabilitation plan has been implemented in complete shape.

8). And whereas, it is reported by Range Officer, Gopalpur vide his memo No. 231 dated 31.5.97 that all the tree growth standing over forest area of Basundhara Area (East) OCP have been clear felled and removed.

Now, therefore, it is hereby ordered that the forest land to the tune of 21.58 Ha. as per land schedule, mentioned in the map (enclosed herewith) is hereby handed over in favour of Chief General Manager, Basundhara Area, MCL for mining operation.

Yours faithfully,

(Signature)
13/6/97
Divisional Forest Officer,
Sundargarh Division.

Memo No. 2993 /4F(Misc.) Dated 4.6.97

Copy forwarded to Range Officer, Gopalpur Range for information and necessary action to his memo No. 231 dated 31.5.97.

Divisional Forest Officer,
Sundargarh Division.

Memo No. 4F (Misc.) Dated 4.6.97

Copy forwarded to Conservator of Forests, Sambalpur for favour of information with reference to his Memo No. dated.

Copy forwarded to the Pr. Chief Conservator of Forests, Orissa, Bhubaneswar for favour of kind information.

Divisional Forest Officer,
Sundargarh Division.